MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH SESSION

OF THE

Synod of the United Presbyterian Church

IN CANADA,

(FORMERLY THE MISSIONARY SYNOD IN CANADA,)

IN CONNEXION WITH THE

UNITED PRESBYTERIAN SYNOD IN SCOTLAND.

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ROLL OF SYNOD FOR JUNE, 1848.

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PRESBYTERY OF LONDON.

MINISTERS.	SEDERUNTS.	ELDERS.	SEDERUNTS.
William Proudfoot,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
George Murray,	1 2 3 4 5 6	*Mr. M'Kelvie,*	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
James Skinner,	1 2 3 4 5 6		
Alexander M'Kenzie,			
John M'Lellan,			
Charles Fletcher,	6 7 8		

PRESBYTERY OF FLAMBORO'.

Thomas Christie,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*Wm. Henderson,*	2 3
David Caw,		*James Stuart,*	1 2 3 5 6
Alexander Ritchie,	1 2 3 4 5	*John Stuart,*	
J. R. Dalrymple,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*Wm. Lawson,*	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
James Roy,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*Robert Christie,*	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8
John Porteous,	1 2 3 4	*Charles Stuart,*	1 2 3 4 5
William Barrie,			
Robert Torrance,	1 2 3 4 5 6		
George Fisher,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
Alex. Drummond,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
Alexander Henderson,			

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. Thornton,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*Walter Keddie,*	
John Cassie,			
William Fraser,	2 3 4 5 6 7		
George Lawrence,	3 4 5 6 7	*John Short,*	1 2 3 4 5 6 7
John Jennings,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*William Bell,*	
James Dick,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7	*William Best,*	
David Coutts,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*James Young,*	
Walter Scott,	1	*James Jenkins,*	1 2 3 4
Alexander Waddell,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*William Dunbar,*	
James Pringle,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*James Hunter,*	1 2 3 4 5 6 7

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

William Taylor,
Alexander Lowden,
John Morrison,
William Aitkin,

MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH SESSION

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SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, &c.

Hamilton, 6th June, 1848.

I. SEDERUNT.—6½ *o'clock, p. m.*

The United Presbyterian Synod met, and after Sermon from Matt. xv. 13, was constituted by the Rev. James Roy, Moderator.

Sederunt. (See table of attendance.)

Read the minutes of last meeting of Synod, which were approved of.

The names of C. Fletcher,

Reported by the Presbytery of London that they had inducted the Rev. Charles Fletcher to the pastoral charge of the congregation in Goderich, on the 6th day of October last. His name was added to the Roll of the Synod.

G. Fisher,

Reported by the Presbytery of Flamboro' that since last meeting of Synod they had accepted Mr. Porteous' demission of the pastoral charge of the congregation in St. Catharines. Also, that they had inducted the Rev. George Fisher to the pastoral charge of the congregation in Esquesing on the 13th October; and the Rev. J. R. Dalrymple to the pastoral charge of the congregation in Hamilton, on the 10th November, and the Rev. John Porteous to the pastoral charge of the congregation in Beverly on the 19th January. Also, that they had ordained Mr. Alexander Drummond at Brantford on the 20th October, and Mr. Alexander Henderson at St. Catharines on the 23rd November. Their names were added to the Roll of Synod.

J. R. Dalrymple,

A. Drummond,

A. Henderson,

Alexander Waddell and James Pringle added to the Roll.

Reported by the Presbytery of Toronto that they had ordained Mr. Alexander Waddell at Pickering on the 28th December, and Mr. James Pringle at Centre Road, Toronto Township, and Brampton, on January 19th. Their names were added to the Roll of Synod.

Mr. J. Proudfoot licensed.

Reported by the Presbytery of London that they had licensed Mr. John Proudfoot to preach the gospel, on the 24th August.

Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Appointed Messrs. Coutts, Porteous and Torrance, a Committee of Bills and Overtures; Mr. Coutts Convener.

Committee of Auditors.

Appointed Messrs. Dick and Short a Committee to audit the Treasurers' Accounts.

Mr. Jennings chosen Moderator.

Mr. Jennings was chosen Moderator, and took the Chair.

The Moderator appointed Messrs. Proudfoot and Dalrymple to conduct the devotional exercises of the Synod to-morrow morning.

Sederunts,— when held, &c.

Agreed that the Sederunts of Synod be as follows, viz.: to meet every morning at 9 o'clock, and dismiss at 12; to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m., and dismiss at 5; to meet at half-past 6 o'clock, p. m., and dismiss at 9.

Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.—*7th June*, 1848, 9 *o'clock.*

The United Presbyterian Synod met and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Messrs. Proudfoot and Dalrymple, after the Moderator, conducted the devotional exercises as appointed.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunt.

Mr. Scott demits Richmond Hill.

The Clerk of the Presbytery of Toronto reported that said Presbytery had accepted the demission by Mr. Scott of the pastoral charge of the congregation at Richmond Hill, and that his name was dropped from the Roll of Presbytery. His name was therefore taken from the Roll of Synod.

And his name is taken from the Roll

Mr. Henderson's absence excused.

Mr. Henderson, by letter, requested to be excused from attending this meeting of Synod on the ground of indisposition. Excuse sustained.

Report of Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported:

1st. The Report of the Committee on Union.

2d. Overture from Toronto Presbytery regarding Union.

3rd. Petition from the Congregation in Mount Pleasant.

4th. Letter from the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia.

5th. Overture by Mr. Dick respecting Synodical Statistics.

Report of Committee on Union.

Took up the Report of the Committee on Union.

Mr. Thornton, in name of the Committee, read the minutes of all the meetings of the Joint Committees.—Synod called for the remarks of their Committee on the

statement of opinions given in by the Committee of the Presbyterian Church which had not yet been before the Synod. Read numbers 1st and 2nd of said remarks. Delayed reading the remainder till next Sederunt.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

III. SEDERUNT.—2 *o'clock, p. m.*

Synod met after adjournment, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former Sederunt.

Proceeded with the reading to the end of the remarks on statement of opinions given in by the Committee of the Presbyterian Synod.

Messrs. Kennedy and Scott invited to correspond.

The Rev. Messrs. Andrew Kennedy and Walter Scott being present, were invited to correspond.

Report on Union approved of.

It was moved by Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Mr. Dick, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod receive the Report of the Committee—express their high approbation of the ability and diligence with which they had performed the part assigned to them—and render the Committee their cordial thanks.

Mr. Murray's motion on Union.

Moved by Mr. Murray, seconded by Mr. Skinner, and unanimously agreed to, that the Synod, having heard the Report of the Committee on Union, and having now the whole business before them, proceed to consider whether Union is practicable in present circumstances. Having spent some time on this motion, agreed to adjourn the further consideration till the evening Sederunt.

Agreed that the Sederunt of to-morrow evening be spent in conversation on Missionary subjects.

Closed with prayer.

IV. SEDERUNT.—6½ *o'clock. p. m.*

Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former sederunt.

Committee appointed on Mr. Murray's motion.

Resumed deliberating upon the motion of Mr. Murray regarding the Report of the Committee on Union, and after full expression of opinions and views, appoint-

ed Messrs. Proudfoot, Christie, R. H. Thornton and Murray, a Committee to draft a minute embodying the views of the Synod on this important matter, to be submitted to-morrow morning.

Report of Committee of Bills and Overtures.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures reported a reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro'.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.—*8th June*, 1848, 9 *o'clock, a. m.*

Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former Sederunt.

Report of Committee on Mr. Murray's motion.

The Committee appointed at last Sederunt reported the following Minute:

"That the Members of Synod having expressed their views and feelings very fully on the practicability of Union between the two churches—*Resolved*, That the United Presbyterian Synod has reason to thank God that the views of the two churches harmonize on so many important points, and that with regard to those on which they differ, this Synod cherishes the hope that they may yet be lessened; that, feeling it to be a duty to carry the Christian people forward with them in the very desirable object of Union, and believing that the time is now come when the views and influence of the people should be made to bear upon it, the United Presbyterian Synod requests the Synod of the Presbyterian Church to concur in publishing all the papers of the Joint Committees in order to an expression of opinion upon the matters therein contained. The Synod does also recommend the cultivation of brotherly intercourse with the members of the Presbyterian Synod. Agreed also to re-appoint the Committee to carry out, by further intercourse with any similar Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church, the great object of Christian Union.

Approved. Synod authorise publication of papers.

The Synod unanimously approved of the above Minute and agreed that, should the Committee of the Presbyterian Church decline to concur in publishing the papers, the Committee of this Synod be authorized to publish their own without delay.

Synod enjoined the Clerk to transmit a copy of the above minute to the Convener of the Committee of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church.

Authorized the Committee on Union to add to their number as they shall see cause.

Petition from Mount Pleasant for disjunction.

Took up the Petition from the congregation in Mount Pleasant, praying to be disjoined from the London to

the Flamboro' Presbytery. Mr. Andrew Eadie, Commissioner, was heard in support of the petition. Moved by Mr. Skinner, seconded by Mr. Murray, and unanimously agreed to, That the prayer of the Petitioners be granted. Likeas the Synod did, and hereby do, disjoin in terms as above. Granted.

Letter from Nova Scotia read.

Read the Letter from the Corresponding Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church of Nova Scotia, requesting aid for the Missionary operations of that church in the Islands of the Southern Pacific Ocean. The consideration of it was deferred till the evening Sederunt.

Overture on synodical statistics.

Took up Mr. Dick's Overture regarding Synodical Statistics. Agreed to refer said Overture to a Committee composed of the following persons: Messrs. Dick, Murray, and Dalrymple. Committee to report during the present meeting of Synod.

Reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro' anent W. Christie.

Took up the reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro' of the following tenor:

"HAMILTON, 7th June, 1848.

"The West Flamboro' Presbytery met, and was constituted.

"*Inter alia*

"The Committee that was appointed in the case of Mr. William Christie reported, That Mr. William Christie, who had studied in Schenectady for four years, applied to the Flamboro' Presbytery to be admitted to the study of Theology under the inspection of the Missionary Synod of the Canadas, was examined upon Latin, Greek, Mathematics, Moral Philosophy and Natural Philosophy, and was found to have studied these subjects to considerable advantage. He has now been upwards of three years studying Theology under the inspection of the Flamboro' Presbytery, and has at almost every meeting of the Presbytery delivered a discourse and been examined upon some topic assigned him by the Presbytery; and in the opinion of Committee he ought to be taken upon trial for license.

"The Presbytery agreed unanimously to adopt the Report, and instruct their Clerk to transmit it to the Synod, with intimation, that with the Synod's sanction, they are prepared to take Mr. Christie upon trial for license.

"Extracted from Minutes of Presbytery.

(*Signed*) JAMES ROY, P. C."

After deliberation for some time, the further consideration of it was postponed till the next Sederunt.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

VI. SEDERUNT.—2 *o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunt.

Committee of Bills &Overtures to meet immediately.

Appointed the Committee of Bills and Overtures to meet immediately, and in the absence of Mr. Torrance, Mr. Skinner was appointed a member of said Committee.

Deliverance on the Reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro'

Resumed the consideration of the reference from the Presbytery of Flamboro' in the case of Mr. William Christie, Student,—when it was moved by Mr. Dick, and seconded by Mr. Thornton, that the Presbytery of Flamboro' be authorized to proceed as they shall see fit in this case for the good of the church. It was moved in amendment by Mr. Murray, and seconded by Mr. Fletcher, That Mr. Wm. Christie be required to attend the Theological Institute one term previous to his being taken on trials for license. The vote being taken, the motion was carried by a majority of two.—

Mr. Fletcher dissents.

Mr. Fletcher craved that his dissent from this decision be marked in the minutes.

The Committee of Bills and Overtures transmitted papers of the following tenor:

Mrs Clarke applies to the Synod,

1st, A paper purporting to be reasons of an application to the Synod from Mrs. Clarke.

2nd, A paper, being an extract from the Minutes of Synod in July, 1847, in the same case.

and is referred to the Flamboro' Presbytery.

After fully hearing Mrs. Clarke, and also the Clerk of Synod; and the Clerk of Flamboro' Presbytery, in explanation, it was agreed, That inasmuch as the Flamboro' Presbytery is now in possession of the remit, and all the papers in Mrs. Clarke's case, that said Presbytery be instructed to proceed in the case in terms of the Minute of last meeting of Synod, and that Mrs. Clarke be instructed to attend the meeting of the Flamboro' Presbytery at Flamboro' West on Tuesday after the fifth Sabbath of July next. Whereupon Mrs. Clarke took instruments and craved extracts.

Adjourned to meet at 6½ o'clock, p. m.

Closed with prayer.

VII. SEDERUNT.—6½ *o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of former Sederunt.

Overture by the Presbytery of Toronto on the Clergy Reserves.

Took up the Overture by the Presbytery of Toronto on the subject of the Clergy Reserves, of the following tenor:

"That the endowment of the Church from the public funds of the nation being in our opinion unscriptural, unjust, and impolitic; and inasmuch as notice has been officially given of a surplus having accrued from the sale of the Clergy Reserves, which is offered to such bodies as the act of disposal embraces, who may choose to apply; the Presbytery agreed to overture the Synod to take up this subject, and to give a public declaration of the views entertained upon this subject, as well as upon the injudicious disposal of the Reserves by the late Act."

Com'tee appointed to draft Petition thereon.

After a full expression of their approbation of the object of the Overture, the Synod appointed Messrs. Proudfoot, Thornton, and Dalrymple, a Committee to draft a petition to the Governor in Council, embodying the views of the Synod in this matter. To report tomorrow forenoon.

Report of Auditors of the Treasurer's Accounts.

The Committee appointed to audit the accounts of the Treasurer of the Grant of the United Presbyterian Synod in Scotland, reported: That they have examined his accounts, have found them correct and orderly kept, and that there is a balance in his hand of £112 7s. 7½d. Reported also, that they have examined the books of the Synod's Treasurer, have found them correct and orderly kept, and that there is in his hands a balance of £37 11s. 9½d. to Mission fund, and a balance of £13 0s. 10d. to the Institute and Synod fund.

Petition for aid from Goderich.

Received and read a petition from the congregation of Goderich, praying that a sum of money, say £20, be paid to the Rev. Mr. Fletcher to defray in part his expenses in removing his family to Goderich. The Synod, knowing that there are many claims of a similar kind which, if this be granted, would have an equal right, which would embarrass the fund, and which, moreover, is not designed to be appropriated to such objects, declines granting the prayer of the petitioners.

All Stipends to be supplemented.

Resolved, That the Stipend of all Ministers and Preachers on the Preachers' List be supplemented to the minimum stipend, i. e., inclusive of what may be

received from the congregations. This to have a retrospective effect to the 12th August last.

Conversation on Missionary topics.

The Synod, agreeably to a resolution of the third sederunt, entered into a conversation on Missionary topics. Heard Mr. Kennedy give an account of his Missionary labours within the bounds of the London Presbytery from November till the present time. The Synod were very much gratified with his interesting statements.

Mission committee appointed.

The Synod, being strongly convinced of the importance of cherishing a Missionary spirit in our church, appointed Rev. Messrs. Christie, Roy, Murray, Dalrymple and Drummond, and Messrs. R. Christie and Walter Chisholm a Committee to devise and suggest means by which the Synod's resolution in page 46 (of the printed minutes) may be rendered more efficient.—Mr. Dalrymple, Convener.

Overture on Theological Academy by Mr. Jennings.

Took up an Overture by Mr. Jennings respecting the Theological Academy, of the following tenor:

"Whereas it is very necessary that our Theological Academy be put in the most efficient state for the prosperity of our church, I humbly overture the Synod to take up the whole matter, and give it the most full attention. (*Signed*) JOHN JENNINGS."

Delayed.

The Synod, after spending some time in the consideration of this Overture, agreed to delay further proceedings on the subject till next meeting of Synod.

Next Meeting.

Resolved that next meeting of Synod be held at Toronto on the 10th day of October next, at 6½ o'clock, p. m.

Concluded with prayer.

VIII. SEDERUNT.—*9th June*, 1848, 9 *o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Jennings, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former Sederunt.

Report of committee on Periodical.

Mr. Proudfoot, who was appointed at last Meeting of Synod to edit a projected periodical, stated the reasons why the appointment of Synod had not been implemented.

Overture by Committee of Publication.

Took up an Overture by the Committee appointed to publish the said periodical, of the following tenor:

"Whereas, it was ordered by last Synod that a Magazine shou ld be published, but owing to causes, it could not be carried

nto effect. Whereas it is still very necessary to have a periodical directly under the auspices of the church, we humbly overure the Synod to take the matter into full consideration.

(*Signed*) JOHN JENNINGS, R. H. THORNTON,
WM. FRASER, WALTER SCOTT.

The Synod discharged the Committee, leaving the eriodical to be undertaken in another form.

Reference from Presbytery of Toronto anent Mr. Ormiston.

Took up a reference from the Presbytery of Toronto egarding Mr. Ormiston, Student in Divinity, under the spection of said Presbytery, of the following tenor: "In gard to the case of Mr. Ormiston, the Presbytery of oronto agree to refer it to the Synod for advice, and k liberty to assign him trials for license, and to proceed ith him to an issue of the matter if they see cause, d to employ him in any way they deem advantaeous to the interests of the church."

Deliverance thereon.

It was moved by Mr. Dalrymple and seconded by r. Thornton, that the Presbytery of Toronto be auorized to proceed in the case as they shall see meet the good of the church. Which was carried in the irmative.

Mr. Roy dissents.

Against this motion, Mr. Roy craved that his dissent marked.

This case not to be quoted as a precedent.

Agreed, That the case now decided be not quoted as precedent; and that hereafter, attendance of studs at the Theological Institute be a *sine qua non* to obtaining of license to preach.

Report of Committee to draft petition against the division of the surplus from the reserves.

The Committee appointed to draft a petition to the vernor-in-Council respecting the division of the surs from the Clergy Reserve fund, presented a draft the following tenor:

o His Excellency the Right Honourable James, Earl of Elgin nd Kincardine, Governor General of British North America &c. &c. &c., in Council.

e Petition of the United Presbyterian Synod in Canada, in Synod assembled,

Humbly Sheweth,

hat this Synod represents a body of Christians who support r own religious institutions, and who maintain the principle State interference in matters religious is unscriptural, unand impolitic. And whereas, notice has been given in the *ial Gazette*, that a surplus has accrued from the sale of the gy Reserve lands, and that said surplus awaits the applicaof such as are by law entitled to a share of it. This Synod ng always objected to the application of said Clergy Res to religious purposes, as being injurious to religion and uctive to the peace and prosperity of this Province; and

having ever believed and maintained that said Clergy Reserves ought to be appropriated to the purposes of Common School Education, or to ordinary secular purposes, declines to apply for any part of said surplus; and further prays that no appropriation of said surplus be made to any religious body till further action be taken by the Legislature upon the Clergy Reserves Act now in force.

And your Petitioners will ever pray, &c."

Approved.

The Synod approved of the above draft, and appointed the Committee to write out a fair copy, to be signed by the Moderator and Clerk, and to be by them transmitted to His Excellency.

Appointments.

Agreed, that Mr. Scott, preacher, be appointed to Toronto Presbytery for the last two sabbaths of this month, and the first Sabbath in July, and thereafter in Flamboro' and London, according to the appointed routine.

Continued Mr. Kennedy within the bounds of the London Presbytery till the next meeting of Synod.

Debated all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

JOHN JENNINGS, *Moderator.*

WM. PROUDFOOT, *Synod Clerk.*

THEOLOGICAL, SYNOD, AND PRESBYTERY FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST THE TREASURER.

1847.				£	s	d
Nov. 7	Received Collection from St. George Congregation			£1	17	9
	Do	Middleton	do	1	3	6
10	Do	Richmond Hill	do	2	5	0
30	Do	Guelph	do	2	1	2
	Do	London	do	2	6	0
	Do	English Settlement		1	3	10½
	Do	Proof Line	do	0	18	10
	Do	M'Killop	do	2	3	9
	Do	Stanley	do	0	11	3
Dec. 28	Do	Esquesing	do	1	0	0
	Do	Ayr Academy Syn. & Presb. Fund,		2	13	9
1848—Jan.	Do	Guelph	do	0	15	0
March 1	Do	Toronto	do	5	0	0
	Do	Albion	do	1	12	9½
	Do	Vaughan	do	1	10	2
	Do	Chinguacousy	do	1	6	5
	Do	West Gwill., Essa, Tecumseth & Innisf.		8	13	2
14	Do	Irvin	do	1	10	0
	Do	Eramosa	do	2	10	3
May 2	Do	Flamboro'	do	10	13	4
	Do	New Glasgow	do	2	10	0
June 5	Do	Ayr	do	1	5	0
	Do	St. George	do	1	10	0
	Do	Middleton	do	1	2	7½
6	Do	Hamilton	do	5	11	0
8	Do	Whitby	do	1	10	6
	Do	Clark	do	2	0	0
	Do	Blenheim	do	1	12	6
	Do	Mount Pleasant	do	1	5	0
	Do	Burford	do	0	7	6
	Do	Woodstock	do	0	5	0
	Do	Chatham	do	0	15	0
	Do	English Settlement		0	10	0
	Do	Rethel	do	0	8	6½
	Do	Tuckersmith	do	0	10	0
	Do	Stanley	do	0	5	0
	Do	London	do	0	14	7
				£73	18	4

DISCHARGE.

1847.		£	s	d
Oct. 27	Paid Expenses of Committee on Union	£5	6	4½
1848.				
Jan'y	Paid Rev. William Proudfoot one quarter's salary as Professor,	15	0	0
April 3	Paid Rev. William Proudfoot one quarter's salary as Professor,	15	0	0
	360 copies Minutes, printed & stitched,	6	5	0
	Printing 50 Rules of Order,	1	2	6
	" 50 Circulars,	0	15	0
	Cleaning Class-Room for six months,	0	15	0
May 10	Paid Expenses of Committee on Union,	6	7	0
	Toronto Presbytery Fund,	1	6	0
June 5	Rev. James Roy, Presbytery Clerk,	3	0	0
	Balance due Treasurer on former payment to him	0	5	8½
	Paid Synod Clerk for Postages,	1	0	0
	Horne's Introduction, for Library	1	0	0
	Board and Travelling Expenses of Rev. M. M'Kenzie as Hebrew Tutor,	2	10	0
	Further do. do. do.	2	5	0
	Balance due by the Treasurer,	13	0	9
		£73	18	4

We, the undersigned, appointed by the Synod to examine the Treasurer's Accounts, have examined the same, and find them correct, and that there is a balance due by the Treasurer of £13 0s. 9d. currency. (*Signed*)

JAMES DICK,

JOHN SHORT.

MISSION FUND.

CHARGE AGAINST THE TREASURER.

1847.					
July 15	Balance of last acct. brought forward,		£22	6	6½
1848.					
Feb. 6	Received from St. George	Congregation	2	5	0
21	Do	Brantford do	4	0	0
Mar. 14	Do	Guelph do	4	3	1½
	Do	Irvine do	1	7	6
	Do	Eramosa do	3	5	5½
May 2	Do	Beverly do	4	6	3
June 7	Do	St Catharines do	2	17	10½
	Do	Emily do	1	15	0
	Do	English Settlement	1	0	0
	Do	Bethel do	0	12	6½
	Do	Mount Pleasant do	0	10	0
	Do	Woodstock do	0	10	0
	Do	Blenheim do	0	7	6
	Do	Stanley do	0	15	0
	Do	London do	2	5	0
	Do	Goderich do	1	15	0
	Do	Mr. John Crosbie, Southwold,	0	7	6
			£54	9	3½

DISCHARGE.

1847.				
July 15	Paid the Rev. William Fraser amount overpaid by him in handing in collections from Congregations of Tecumseth, W. Gwillimsbury & Essa,	£1	5	0
16	Paid printing Synod's Distribution of Preachers, - - - - - - - - - - - - -	0	12	6
Sept. 29	Paid Rev. Wm. Proudfoot one quarter's salary as Professor, - - - - - - - -	15	0	0
	Balance due by Treasurer,	37	11	9½
		£54	9	3½

June 8, 1848.—We, the undersigned, appointed by the Synod to audit the Treasurers' Books, have examined the same, and find all the Accounts correct, and that there is a balance in the Treasurer's hand of £37 11s. 9½d, (*Signed*)

JAMES DICK,
JOHN SHORT.

Balance brought down, £37 11s. 9½d.

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Alex. Drummond,	1 2 3 4 5 6
Alexander Henderson,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.

R. H. Thornton,	2 3 4 5 6	*Alex. Burnet,*	2 3 4 5
John Cassie,	2 3 4 5		
William Fraser,	2 3 5 6 7 8		
George Lawrence,	1 2 3 4 5 6	*John Short,*	1 2 3 4 5
John Jennings,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8	*William Bell,*	1 3 4 5 6 7
James Dick,	1 2 3 4 5 6		
David Coutts,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
Alexander Waddell,	2 3 4 5 6	*William Dunbar,*	2 3 4
James Pringle,	1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8		
		James Goodfellow, (Albion)	2
		Thomas Marshall, (Vaughen)	2 3 4 5 6

PRESBYTERY OF CANADA EAST.

William Taylor,
Alexander Lowden,
John Morrison,
William Aitkin,

MINUTES OF THE NINTH SESSION

OF THE

SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA, &c.

Toronto, October 10, 1848.

I. SEDERUNT.

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada, after Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. John Jennings, from Rev. xi. 15, met and was constituted.

In the absence of the Rev. William Proudfoot, Synod Clerk, the Rev. George Murray was chosen Clerk *pro tempore*.

Proceeded to make up the Roll of Synod.

Mr. John Proudfoot's name added to the Roll of Synod.

The Presbytery of London reported, that since the last meeting of Synod they had ordained the Rev. John Proudfoot to the pastoral charge of the United Congregation of St. Mary's and Downie on the 16th of July last, and that his name was added to the Roll of Presbytery. Ordered, that his name be added to the Roll of Synod.

The Rev. Walter Scott being present was invited to take his seat in Court.

The Rev. David Coutts was now chosen Moderator, and took the chair.

Committee of Bills and Overtures.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Dick, Torrance, and Fletcher, and Mr. Short, elder, a Committee on Bills and Overtures; Mr. Dick, Convener. Said Committee to report at next Sederunt.

The Rev. Mr. Christie's excuse for absence from this Meeting of Synod was sustained.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Torrance and Fisher to conduct the devotional exercises of the Synod to-morrow forenoon.

Appointed the Presbytery of Flamboro' to meet to-morrow morning at 7 o'clock.

Appointed the Presbytery of Toronto to meet in Mr. Jennings' house to-morrow morning at 8½ o'clock.

Adjourned to meet in this place to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

II. SEDERUNT.—11*th Oct.* 1848, 10 *o'clock, a.m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Coutts, Moderator.

Sederunt. (See Roll of Attendance.)

After devotional exercises, the minutes of the preceding Sederunt were read and approved.

Mr. Ormiston licensed.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported that since the last meeting of Synod they had sustained trials for License, appointed to Mr. Wm. Ormiston, and that on the 1st August last, he was licensed to preach the gospel in connexion with this Synod.

Report of Committee on Bills and Overtures.

The Committee on Bills and Overtures presented their report of the following tenor:

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2nd. Draft of a System of Management, and Rules of Order.

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The Report was adopted, and it was agreed that the first business on the Minutes be taken up as soon as practicable.

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The Rev. Mr. Dalrymple, Convener of the Committee appointed to devise means for cherishing a missionary spirit in our church, gave in a verbal report, and read extracts from minutes of said Committee.

To be matured.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, it was agreed—That the Convener of the Missions Committee be requested to mature his report and present it at a future Sederunt of this Synod.

Draft of a System of Management.

On motion of Mr. Thornton, seconded by Mr. Fraser, took up a Draft of a system of Congregational Management.

The Draft was read.

Entered on the consideration of it in detail, and proceed to No. 3 of Head III.

Adjourned to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

III. SEDERUNT.—2 *o'clock, p. m.*

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The minutes of last meeting of Synod were read and approved.

Synod Minutes to be printed.

It was moved by Mr. Dalrymple, and seconded by Mr. Jennings, and agreed to, That the Minutes of last Synod be printed with the Minutes of this Meeting;—said Minutes to be printed within six weeks after the rising of this Synod.

Draft of Management resumed,

Resumed the consideration of the Draft of a System of Management, and proceeded to the end.

and adopted.

It was moved by Mr. Fraser and seconded by Mr. Fletcher, and agreed to, That the Draft of a System of Congregational Management which has now been considered be approved, and recommended for the adoption of congregations uuder the inspection of this Synod.—(For Draft, see Appendix No. I.)

Theological Institution.

Agreed to take up the subject of the Theological Institute.

Read the minutes of last meeting of Synod with reference to the matter.

Appointed the Rev. Messrs. Dalrymple, Roy, Lawrence, Jennings, Murray and Skinner, a Comm ttee to mature the business regarding the Theological Institute; Mr. Roy, Convener. Committee to report at Sederunt of to-morrow forenoon.

Rev. Mr. Proudfoot was requested to confer with said Committee.

The Committee was instructed to consider the following points, viz.—1. Is it expedient to continue the present system? 2. The ways and means of supporting the Institution. 3. Its location.

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Adjourned to meet at 6½ o'clock.
Closed with prayer.

IV. SEDERUNT.—6½ *o'clock. p. m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Coutts, Moderator.

The Minutes of last Sederunt were read.

Mrs. Clarke's case

Agreed to proceed to the consideration of Mrs. Clarke's case.

Read the minutes of the Flamboro' Presbytery.—Also, an extract from the minutes of the Session of West Dumfries congregation. Read also Mrs. Clarke's reasons of appeal, and answers thereto by the Session. Also, the deliverance of the Synod. An extract from the minutes of Session of West Dumfries, dated 6th April, 1847. Also, another extract dated 22nd March, 1847.

Parties were heard at length and removed.

After deliberation, it was resolved, on motion of Mr. Jennings, seconded by Mr. Dunbar, To waive consideration of the merits of the appeal, and proceed to hear Mr. Ritchie and Mrs. Clarke on what Mrs. Clarke maintains as the original cause of the whole of her complaints,

Adjourned to meet in this place at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Closed with prayer.

V. SEDERUNT.—12*th October*, 1848, 10 *o'clock a. m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Coutts, Moderator.

Resumed.

Resumed Mrs. Clarke's case in terms of the motion adopted at the close of last Sederunt.

Mrs. Clarke being called on, stated the following as her complaints:

1. That in the act of discipline of which Mary Anderson was the subject, Mr. Ritchie had named her son

who was not a member of the church, as *particeps criminis*.

2. That he had done so without any authority or acknowledgment from her son.

3. That her son was represented as having committed a crime worse than the most atrocious murder.

The above being read to Mrs. Clarke, she declares that it is a full statement of her original grievance.

Mr. Ritchie being called upon, stated that, in rebuking Mary Anderson he made use of what he considered the common form in such cases. That he announced the case to the congregation in the terms of her (Mary Anderson's) confession, i. e. that she confessed the sin of fornication with James Clarke. Farther, that in his address to the congregation he endeavoured to point out the aggravated nature of this sin; that he quoted a passage or passages of the word of God in which this sin is classed with other sins, and amongst the rest, with murder. That, though not distinctly recollecting what he said, he thinks that he may have used such expressions as the following, viz.—That the sin was distinguished from other sins, inasmuch as more than one individual was implicated, and that in some respects it may be said to be worse than murder. Farther, That at the same time he rebuked another woman for the same sin, and that they were both addressed in the same language.

Mrs. Clarke being asked if she heard the rebuke, stated that being sick she was not present.

Parties being heard were removed.

The Synod proceeded to deliberate in the case.

Goderich petition.

On motion of Mr. Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Torrance, ordered: That the petition presented as No. 7 by the Committee of Bills and Overtures being a petition from the Congregation of Goderich on Finance be remitted to the Presbytery of London for transmission to the Treasurer of the Synod's grant.

Adjourned to meet here at 2 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

VI. SEDERUNT.—2 *o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Coutts, Moderator.

Mrs. Clarke's case resumed.

Resumed consideration of Mrs. Clarke's case.

It was moved by Mr. Jennings and seconded by Mr. Fraser, That having heard the statement of Mrs. Clarke as to the grounds of her complaint against Mr. Ritchie, and having heard Mr. Ritchie's statement, find, that Mrs. Clarke acted in the case under misinformation or misapprehension of what was stated by Mr. Ritchie in the rebuke of Mary Anderson, and therefore, that Mrs. Clarke had no sufficient grounds of complaint. That Mr. Ritchie, in characterizing the offence, should not be restricted or limited to any precise form or set of words. And it appearing that Mr. Ritchie had no intention in what he stated in said rebuke, of injuring the character of James Clarke, or wounding the feelings of his mother, Mrs. Clarke should now feel satisfied to cease from any further complaints. And as she declares that she absented herself from public worship because of imputing a wrong design to Mr. Ritchie in making such statement, recommend her to go to Mr. Ritchie and the Session of West Dumfries, and allow that she is now satisfied with Mr. Ritchie's explanations, and if she shall do so, leave the Session of West Dumfries to replace her in her membership if they shall see cause.

It was moved in amendment by Mr. Henderson, and seconded by Mr. Lawrence, That the Synod having heard both Mrs. Clarke's and Mr. Ritchie's statement of the original ground of Mrs. Clarke's complaint against Mr. Ritchie, find, That Mr. Ritchie did use James Clarke's name in connexion with the case; That Mr. Ritchie did not say that James Clarke was guilty of a crime worse than the most atrocious murder; That Mrs. Clarke had received an erroneous impression of Mr. Ritchie's language and design; That the form used by Mr. Ritchie has been frequently practised in the church:—and therefore Mr. Ritchie cannot be blamed, and therefore dismiss the complaint as groundless. At the same time, the Synod recommend to the

West Dumfries Session to deal privately and affectionately with Mrs. Clarke, endeavour to bring her to a proper state of mind in reference to this matter, and to take such steps as shall, by the divine blessing, tend to promote the peace and prosperity of the church.

And decided.

The vote was then taken, when there appeared—for the motion, 14; for the amendment, 3. Likeas, the Synod did, and hereby do, decide in terms of the motion.

Suitable advices were then addressed to Mrs. Clarke by the Moderator.

Mr. Ritchie craved an extract from the Minutes of Synod in the case.

Mrs. Clarke also craved extracts.

An Assistant Clerk

Took up the Overture from the Presbytery of Toronto respecting an Assistant Clerk of Synod.

It was moved by Mr. Dalrymple, seconded by Mr. Roy—

That the Overture lie on the table for consideration at next meeting of Synod.

In Amendment, it was moved by Mr. Dick, seconded by Mr. Skinner—

That the Overture be now adopted.

The vote being taken, the amendment was carried.

Mr. Roy craved leave to dissent from this Resolution, because he believes that the appointment of an Assistant Clerk will lead to an unnecessary waste of the Synod's funds.

Mr. Torrance also craved leave to dissent.

Mr. Fraser appointed.

Mr. Fraser was then appointed Assistant Clerk of Synod.

Agreed, that the salary of the Clerk of Synod shall be £10 per annum, and that of the Assistant Clerk £6. This resolution to take effect from this time.

Adjourned to meet at 6½ o'clock.

Concluded with prayer.

VII. SEDERUNT.—6½ *o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church met, and was constituted by the Rev. Mr. Coutts, Moderator.

Read the minutes of former Sederunt.

Report on Statistics adopted.

Took up the Report of the Committee on Statistics.

Having considered the Report in detail, it was agreed that it be adopted.

Appointed Messrs. Jennings and Dalrymple a Committee to draft a plan for carrying these Statistics into effect. To report to-morrow morning.

Theological Institution.

The Committee appointed to mature the business regarding the Theological Institute reported, That they had met and entered upon the consideration of the subject, but had not been able to agree npon any definite scheme.

The subject was discussed at great length, till the hour of adjournment.

Adjourned to meet to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

Closed with prayer.

VIII. SEDERUNT.—15*th Oct.*, 1848, 9 *o'clock, a. m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and was constituted by Mr. Coutts, Moderator.

Read the Minutes of last Sederunt.

Preachers' Appointments.

Ordered, That Mr. Scott remain six weeks in each of the Presbyteries of London, Flamboro' and Toronto, to commence with Toronto. And that Mr. Wm. Christie, when licensed, shall continue six weeks in the Flamboro' Presbytery, and then six weeks in the Toronto Presbytery; and the slx weeks thereafter in the London Presbytery, and that he shall not be required to go to Canada East before the opening of the navigation in spring.

Ordered, That Mr. Kennedy put himself under the direction of the Flamboro' Presbytery after the second Sabbath of December, for one month, and for the same time thereafter under the Toronto Presbytery, and then return to the Presbytery of London.

Committee to visit the Theological Institution.

Appointed Messrs. Jennings and Barrie, a Committee to visit the Theological Institute, and to report at next meeting of Synod.

Next meeting.

Appointed next meeting of Synod to be held in the

City of Hamilton, on Tuesday after the first Sabbath of June, 1849, at 7 o'clock, p. m.

Re-appointed the Committee on Missions, and instructed them to report at next meeting of Synod.

Statistics.

The Committee for carrying the Statistics into effect gave in their report, which was adopted, and is as follows:

That the Table of Questions on Congregational Statistics be printed forthwith, and copies sent to the Clerks of Presbyteries. That the Clerks of Presbyteries send a copy to each congregation within their bounds before the first of January every year; said copy to be filled up by the Clerk of Session and Treasurer of the Congregation, and remitted to the Presbytery Clerk before the first of March. That the returns thus obtained be, by the Clerk of each Presbytery, engrossed in a copy to be transmitted before the first of April to the Convener of the Missions' Committee, as the ground of procedure for that Committee, and as a part of its annual report to the Synod.

Printed Minutes, sufficient authority

Agreed, that when the Minutes of Synod are printed, the matter contained in the printed copies shall form sufficient ground of action in all cases, without written extracts from the original manuscript minutes.

Letter from the Clerk of the Presbyterian Synod.

Read a communication from the Clerk of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, containing the deliverance of that Synod respecting the publication of the papers of the Committee on Union, which is of the following tenor:

Resolved, That they will publish the papers of their own Committee, with such explanations as may appear necessary.

Extracted from Minutes of Synod.

(*Signed*) W. Rintoul, Synod Clerk.

Papers on Uuion to be printed.

After deliberation, the Synod agreed that the resolution of last Synod as to the publication of the papers of the Committee on Union be carried into effect without delay.

Instructions to the Committee on the Theological Institution.

Resumed the consideration of the Theological Institute, interrupted by last night's adjournment.

On motion it was Resolved, To continue the Committee on the Theological Institute appointed at the Third Sederunt of this meeting of Synod, with instructions to devise ways and means for transferring the In-

stitute to Toronto, to obtain contributions and collections, and authorize them with this view to correspond with the Clerks of Presbyteries and with the Missions' Committee in Scotland.

Rules of Order. Agreed, that the Rules of Order, with the exception of those under the head of Miscellaneous Rules, be regarded as an *ad interim* system of rules in directing the business of Synod.

Delayed all other causes.

Closed with prayer.

DAVID COUTTS, *Moderator.*
WM. PROUDFOOT, *Synod Clerk.*

APPENDICES.

APPENDIX No. I.

SYSTEM OF MANAGEMENT FOR THE CONGREGATIONS UNDER THE INSPECTION OF THE SYNOD OF THE UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA.

I.—The title and designation of this Congregation shall be ——

II.—There shall be —— Managers of the temporal affairs of said Congregation, who must be members in full communion.

III.—The duties of said Managers shall be :—

1. To appoint their own Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Chairman to have the power of calling Meetings of the Managers when he shall think it necessary; or when requested to do so by at least two of the Managers.

2. To receive and disburse by their Treasurer, all monies which may be raised by the Congregation—either for the support of gospel ministrations, or for any other purpose not properly under the jurisdiction of the Session.

3. To cause to be kept a faithful account in a Book or Books of all their receipts and expenditure, and also regular Minutes of all their Meetings.

4. They shall receive vouchers, through their Treasurer, for al their disbursements.

5. They shall call meetings of the Congregation for secular affairs, when they shall deem it necessary, or when requested to do so by at least

six members, sanctioned by the Session, and the objects of the Meeting specified in writing by said Members.

6. They shall submit all their books and papers containing their intromissions, minutes, and vouchers at the Annual Meeting of the Congregation, or at any General Meeting, when said books and papers may be demanded. It being understood that all accounts shall be balanced up to the 31st December in each year.

IV.—That should a vacancy of one-third of the Managers occur during the interval of two Annual Meetings, the remaining Managers shall call a General Meeting of the Congregation, for the purpose of electing Managers to fill such vacancy.

V.—A vacancy shall be held to have occurred by such circumstances as—

1. The death of a Manager.
2. By his removal out of the bounds of the Congregation.
3. When any Manager shall have given in a written resignation of his office to the Chairman or Secretary, and the same been accepted.
4. When any Manager shall not be recognised as a Member by *Session* of said Congregation.

VI.—That an Annual Meeting of the Congregation shall be held on the most convenient day in the month of January, in each year; and that all members in full communion, and they only, shall have a right to vote at such Annual or General Meeting of the Congregation.

VII.—That the order of procedure at any Annual or General Meeting shall be as follows :

The Meeting shall appoint a Chairman and Secretary for said Meeting; the Secretary to record the proceedings of such meeting in a book kept for that purpose, which records or minutes shall be signed by the Chairman and Secretary; and said book shall be given in charge to the Clerk of Session—and shall by him be produced at every Annual or General Meeting of the Congregation.

VIII.—The Meeting, after the election of their Chairman and Secretary, and after the reading of the minute of the preceding Meeting, shall hear the report of their Managers for the past year, and shall appoint two members to audit their books. Then they shall elect the requisite number of Managers by a majority of votes.

IX.—That the Managers shall be chosen for one year only, but may be re-elected.

X.—That an intimation of every Annual or General Meeting of the Congregation shall be given in the Church at the conclusion of public worship on the Sabbath preceding such Meeting, or on the Sabbath nearest preceding such Meeting on which there shall be public worship in the Congregation.

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CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS.

Name of Congregation,
Date of Formation,
Stations connected,
Average Attendance,
Members added, 18
Members Removed,
Members on the Roll,
Children of Members,
Number of Elders,
Baptisms,
Deaths,
Number in Sab. Classes,
Number in other Classes,
General Prayer Meeting,
Fellowship Meetings,
Libraries,
Missionary Society,
Collected for Synod Fund,
Collected for Academy,
Collected for Mission Scheme,
Collected for General Missions,
Raised by Collections,
Raised by Seat Rents,
Raised by Subscriptions,
Places of Worship erected in the bounds,
How is property deeded?
Amount of Debt,
Debt liquidated,
Stipend promised,
Stipend paid,
Total Income,
Total Expenditure,

MINUTES OF THE TENTH SESSION

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N. B.—As the Roll is called at every Sederunt, and the Minutes of the preceding Sederunt read, corrected, and approved of, it is judged unnecessary to encumber the Minutes with a perpetual repetition of these forms.

Hamilton, Tuesday, 5th June, 1849.

I. SEDERUNT.—*7 o'clock, p. m.*

The Synod of the United Presbyterian Church in Canada met, and after Sermon by the Moderator, the Rev. David Coutts, from Ps. cxv. 6, was constituted.

The Roll was called. (See the table of attendance.)

The Rev. Messrs. Kennedy & Scott, being present, were invited to correspond.

Mr. Dick translated from Emily to Richmond Hill.

The Presbytery of Toronto reported, that they had loosed the Rev. James Dick, from the charge of the congregation of Emily, and inducted him into the charge of the congregation of Richmond Hill on the 14th of March last.

Mr. Caw, Moderator.

The Rev. David Caw was now chosen Moderator.

Committees, Bills and Overtures.

Appointed Messrs. Christie, Dick, and Skinner, Ministers; and Messrs. Robert Christie, Andrew McKnight, and George McVicar, Elders, a Committee of Bills and Overtures, to meet here to-morrow morning at 8 o'clock.

To audit Treasurers' Books.

Appointed Messrs. Drummond and Barrie a Committee to audit the Treasurers' accounts.

Appointed Messrs. Kennedy and Henderson to conduct the devotional exercises of Synod to-morrow forenoon.

To examine Minutes of Presbyteries.

Appointed the following Committee to examine Minutes of Presbyteries, viz: